October 2009

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

The October meeting for the Mira Mesa Town Council welcomes back the School Principals from our neighborhood. We look forward to seeing all returning principals and meeting the new principals in our area. Hickman Elementary and Wangenheim Middle have new Principals, hope you'll be here to meet and greet them. Also on the agenda that night will be John Lee Evans, the current School Board Member from our area. This night is dedicated to education so come with questions for Mr. Evans, or the principals as they are introduced. Our meeting begins at 7PM on Monday, October 5 at the Mira Mesa Library Community Room..

John Lee Evans is a product of public schools that he attended when he was growing up in Oregon and Washington. He grew up in small towns that believed in providing quality education to their children. His mother was a schoolteacher. Education was highly valued, resulting in all five children earning college degrees, four earning Masters and two earning doctoral degrees.

John earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. While a college student he helped found and direct a community preschool and elementary tutoring center. He gained international experience by studying for one year at the University of Madrid.

He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras for three years. He also directed high school students on social service projects and taught leadership courses to community leaders.

In San Diego he taught Spanish at a language institute and then became the director of the institute. He also taught the institute's accelerated learning techniques to teachers, school administrators and education students. As the director, he learned to balance his educational idealism with the practicalities of running a business.

Dr. Evans received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1989. His pre-doctoral internship was in community psychology with all ages and his post-doctoral internship was in adolescent psychology. He is currently in private practice and works with children, adolescents and adults. Part of his practice has included working with special needs children and consulting with school officials on Individualized Educational Plans. He is a member of the San Diego Psychological Association, California Psychological Association and American Psychological Association.

As a parent, Dr. Evans has been a very active volunteer in his children's classrooms. He was on the School Site Council at Fletcher Elementary, a classroom and PTA volunteer at Spreckels Elementary, a group leader for seminar parents at Standley Middle School and on the Governance Team of University City High School. He and his wife have lived in San Diego since 1979, including Pacific Beach, Mira Mesa and University City. He believes that every child in San Diego should have access nearby to a good public school no matter where he or she lives

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

Town Council meetings provide a public forum for community issues relating to civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in the area. Regular meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at the Mira Mesa Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

Agenda for the **October 5, 2009** meeting:

- **School Night**
- **John Lee Evans**

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, November 2, 2009**

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President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

As I write this we are actively preparing for the Mira Mesa Street Fair to be held on September 26, 2009. We have more than 120 vendors signed up and expect it to be a great event. The Street Fair will feature a carnival with rides for children and teens, and continuous entertainment on two stages. There will be food ranging from Japanese BBQ, noodles and salads to Mediterranean gyros to all-American hot dogs and hamburgers. Special attractions include large earth-moving equipment, military vehicles from MCAS Miramar. As in past years, SDG&E will offer a lamp and light bulb exchange, providing compact fluorescent bulbs and floor or table lamps for the less energy efficient incandescent bulbs and halogen torchiere lamps. I hope to see all Mira Mesa Town Council members there.

In October we will have our annual meeting focusing on Mira Mesa Schools. This is an opportunity to meet the principals of our local schools and to find out what is happening. This has been a tough year for schools as for all institutions that depend on California state funding given this year's budget crisis. One piece of good news is that the School District approved the memorandum of understanding with the City to do the necessary mitigation to finally build Jonas Salk Elementary School.

Over the past two months, we have had two very interesting and informative meetings with two of our elected officials, Congressman Brian Bilbray and Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher. This month we will have our school board member John Lee Evans. We will try to have more elected officials in upcoming meetings. In November, we will have County of San Diego Treasurer Tax Collector Dan McAllister.

Also in November, we will have our annual MMTC Board elections. You can find a list of Board positions and current officers below. For details on the duties of each position see the bylaws on the MMTC website under Membership. If you are interested in running for a Board position next year, or if you would like to recommend someone for a Board position, please contact MMTC parliamentarian and nominating committee chair Debbie Vincent at debbie.pta@gmail.com.

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Want to help your community, but don't know how?

Mira Mesa is made up of people just like you who are looking for ways to get involved in the community. Whether you are interested in local planning, parks and recreation, community appearance, family events or something completely new, there's a place for you.

Ongoing community groups include:

- **Community Planning Group**
- **Community Pride Committee**
- **MMTC Street Fair Committee**
- **Maintenance Assessment District Committee**
- **Recreation Council**
- **HEROES**
- **Fourth of July Committee**
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)**
- **Banner District Committee**

Come to a Mira Mesa Town Council general meeting or contact one of our directors for more information. Also see page 6 for specific meeting times and locations.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly with TOPS

by Pam Stevens

The Mira Mesa Chapter of TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, encourages visitors and potential new members to come to a weekly Wednesday evening meeting and find out more about the nation's oldest non-profit weight loss support group. The Mira Mesa Chapter of TOPS meets every Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Gil Johnson Recreation Center craft room, 8575 New Salem Street, in the middle of Mira Mesa.

"TOPS has been helping individuals live healthier lives for 60 years by actively promoting a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join," said Rhoddie Ludwig, a Mira Mesa resident since 1971 who is the Southern California Area Captain for TOPS.

TOPS has been around since 1948, with chapters in every state and province in North America. The Mira Mesa Chapter has been here since 1968. According to Ludwig, for those who wish to become active members, TOPS annual dues are $26 per year, with $5 per month local dues to help defray expenses of meeting at the Recreation Center and to go into a kitty for prizes, etc.

For more information, call Rhoddie Ludwig at her TOPS line, 858-821-9201.

Want to lose 10, 20, 50 or more pounds?

A new weight loss class now forming in the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch area will meet at the Scripps Ranch Community Center for 12 weeks on Sunday evenings, starting Oct. 4. The class runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The cost is $39 for the 12-week class, which includes: body analysis; personal wellness coach; nutrition and exercise information; group support, weekly prizes, and more. $10 per student is donated to the Foundation for Prevention of Childhood Obesity, www.gofitkids.org. Pre-register to secure your spot. For more information or to pre-register, call Deborah S. Klopp-Ivey, 858-397-3488.

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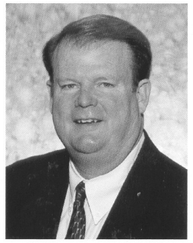

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HEROES upcoming events
By : Mike Davis

26 Sep, Mira Mesa street fair - MUCH to see, do, buy, meet and eat. Many nonprofits are exhibiting, as is HEROES. (10:00 AM - 4:30PM_www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira_mesa_street_fair.htm.

10 Oct, HOPE Adult Day Health Care Center - painting /brightening up the interior. 0800 till noon, or when done
As usual, we provide everything: materials, munchies, drinks... You bring some energy and good cheer and then it all equals a lot of fun doing a very good deed for very worthy folks....
--- HOPE adult day care is truly a life enriching organization for many, many disadvantaged folks in OUR community; thus greatly deserves our help. They serve the frail elderly and adults with physical, emotional and / or cognitive disabilities, to improve and / or maintain their functional status, so they can remain in their homes and in their communities and be productive and happy. Located at 11239 Camino Ruiz-A, San Diego, CA 92126 www.hopeadhc.com/.

29 Oct, Community Volunteer appreciation event, In the Mira Mesa High School Auditorium starts at 6PM
A festive event to both celebrate those who help others and to meet your neighbors, community leaders and easily network with almost all the community nonprofit organizations. This event is also sponsored by our newly formed MM Nonprofit Executive Council (NEC).

Thanks again for staying with us on the volunteer list (if you moved, etc, let me know) As volunteering to help those less fortunate is the essence of how to"BE" a community...And your couple of hours on a Saturday AM every 6 weeks or so, seems minimal as you'll change lives forever - yours too!

A Message from Susan Steffen, San Diego Police Department

I am fortunate enough to be taking over as the Community Relations Officer for Northeastern Division. Officer Carter has retired with us at S.D.P.D. I looking forward to working with you and meeting you sometime in the near future. I can be reached by email: ssteffen@pd.sandiego.gov

The MMTC welcomes Officer Steffen to our community.

Fletcher Fights to Keep the Chargers in San Diego
By Nathan Fletcher

Playing favorites is not a sport, but if it were, Sacramento politicians would take the prize.

This week, over my objections and those of the entire San Diego delegation, the Assembly passed legislation to give one Los Angeles city an unfair advantage over every other city in California to attract a professional sports team. The measure exempts the City of Industry from California's stringent CEQA environmental building regulations. That exemption will expedite construction of the Los Angeles Stadium project which will be used to attract an NFL team-maybe one from California.

I would like to see San Diego find a way to build a new facility for our Chargers, and if exemptions are made for one city in California they should be available to all California cities.

Winners and losers should be decided on the field, not by politicians in Sacramento. Please take a moment to watch portions of the floor debate below.

Call California's State Senators and tell them to vote no on this measure.

Banned Book Club Meets Last Monday of Each Month
by Pam Stevens

Would you like to read some thought-provoking books and talk about them with a group of fellow readers?
The Banned Book Club is a monthly book discussion group with a "freedom to read" theme that meets the last Monday of each month, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Branch Library. The group focuses on discussing books that, despite their literary value, have been banned or challenged (i.e. a formal protest was filed to have them removed from a public or school library) somewhere in the past or present, as well as other titles that tie into the theme.

Come to the annual book selection meeting of the Mira Mesa Banned Book Club on Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library community meeting room, and you can help choose the titles that the group will discuss from October 2009 through July 2010.

A list of titles selected will be available at the Mira Mesa Library following the September 28 meeting. Future meetings in 2009-2010 are scheduled on: October 26; November 30; January 25; February 22; March 29; April 26; May/June/July to be determined. (No meeting in December, and spring/early summer dates may be adjusted around holidays.) Drop-in visitors who'd like to discuss a particular month's title are encouraged as well as regular participants. Happy reading to all!.

For further information, call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, (858) 538-8165, or email book group facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com

Highlights of the September 14, 2009 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Police Department (Officer Susan Steffen)

- EWatch website
  http://apps.sandiego.gov/ewatch/
- Question – How will the SDPD prepare itself for the release of the incarcerated felons?
  A. The 290 Register – sex offender and narcotic monitoring.
  B. The city website has link to Megan Law.
- Question – 16,000 criminals will be released; how will they be released?
  The number of officers out in the field has decreased; community's help is needed.
- Question – any update on gang activity?
  A. SDPD and CHP in Chula Vista worked with DragNet to stop drag racing when the Fast and Furious movie came out which resulted in 19 arrests.
  B. The most recent arrest was responsible for 48 cases of burglaries in the general Mira Mesa area – mostly Asian restaurants.
  C. Small series of arson within a week. She was caught as well. She was a juvenile who will not be released into the custody of her parents.

SD Fire Department (Capt. Myers)

- No report

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- The San Diego County Water Authority is proposing to change their pension benefits retroactively from 2% of salary per year worked to 2.5% of salary per year worked.
- The vote for the Salk Elementary School will be on the docket on 10/6.
- There will be a notice in the water bill regarding the pass through. The increase will be less than $5 per bill.
- City Council is meeting in the evening to allow for constituents to be present at the meetings. The topic tonight is the Winter Homeless Shelter. It houses 220 men and women. Nobody wants it in their backyard. The proposed locations are 725 13th Street or Balboa Park, Presidents Way parking lot.
- See Carl's website for when he will be having coffee next.
- Carl opposed the Prop 215 taskforce.
- Question: Will the night meeting be reoccurring?
  Answer: They will have at least four per year.
- Mitz Lee wants to thank Carl for nominating her to be on the Commission on Human Relations.

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)

- No report

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)

- No report

State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)

- No report

US Representative Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)

- No report

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Street Fair Committee (Jeff Stevens)

- Street Fair is coming up 9/26.

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General County Services Information
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Criminal Activity
Police Community Relations Office 858-538-8120
Suspected Arson 1-800-472-7766 (47ARSON)
Gangs 619-531-2847
Graffiti 619-525-8522
Non-emergency crime or suspicious activity e.g. belligerent person, car/building alarm, nuisance bar, underage drinking 858-484-3154

Nuisances
Animal, dangerous 619-236-2341
Animal, dead 858-492-5060
.....5pm-7am or weekends & holidays: 619-573-1276
Animal manure (dog) 619-338-2283
Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888
Building abandoned or dangerous 619-236-5500
Car abandoned or inoperative 858-495-7856
Noise (loud) ..... 619-236-5564 or 619-236-5500
Trash: uncollected, overflowing dumpster, trash-strewn lot, or recyclables 858-492-5055

Streets & Environment
Bus shelter damaged 619-231-1466
Manhole cover missing or damaged 619-515-3525
Street, flooded 619-527-7500
Street, light out (see below for traffic lights) 619-527-7500
Street, pothole 619-527-7500
Street, sink hole or collapse 619-515-3525
Street, traffic light non-functioning 619-525-8650
Swimming Pools..... 858-689-6296
Weeds overgrown, fallen trees, or clogged storm drain 619-527-7500

Utilities
Fire hydrant open 619-515-3525
Gas leak 800-411-7343
Power/phone line downed 619-811-8081
Tree limbs in power lines 800-411-7343

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NEW BUSINESS

Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher

- First year of public office has been a humbling and frustrating experience.
- Legislative had a 14% approval rating – that's 14% too many.
- He wants to put reforms in place – i.e. open primary.
- We've added government job as we've lost private sector jobs – we need these.
- Budge Reform is a topic he wants to focus on.
- Public Office is public service.
- He is not going to stop working because the issues are too important – schools, public works, the community.
- Call us with any problems. Oscar is located in San Diego and is here to help.
- *Question*: Will the Democrats and Republicans need to get along.
  Answer: I agree. He ran for public service. It takes 41 votes to pass something through the assembly; every one of his legislations passed because he knows how to get along with the other side. "Let's find an issue we agree on. It takes the extra effort to solve problems."
- *Question*: Three Strikes needs to be reformed; do you agree?
  Answer: I agree that corrections need to be reformed; it takes over $40,000 to reform an inmate - $17K a year for inmate healthcare at the state level while the federal government only pays $4K a year. Prison administrator positions have increased by 33% while number of inmates has remained constant. He disagrees on Three Strikes. Violent crime in CA has declined; it has a good impact on crime. At three felonies, the felon should take 25 to life.
- *Question:* States Park System funding is a problem; they want to close Yosemite?
  Answer: Volunteers and non-profit groups must be able to help; we must make this easier. There will be many proposals to save the parks. Some parks make money and some lose money; we can swift funds from one to the other to try to save them. We are still waiting for the list of 100 to be closed.
- *Question*: How is the money spent on education being accounted for?
  Answer: Obama is right on on Education. We must go back and implement the changes he has talked about. State government should do education, public safety, and critical infrastructure, but he trusts local school boards, parents, teachers, and principals to make some of these decisions. Legislators in Sacramento don't know what the local schools need. He wants to see 85/90 cents of every dollar to go directly to the local schools; right now it's only about 50 cents. The local school boards are directly accountable to the community; they would be held accountable at the end of the day. We must be able to track students – not only the number of students, but grades, finance, etc. The technology is out there; we must use it.
- *Question*: Are some state parks working on saving endangered animals? Won't they go extinct if the parks close?
  Answer: The state faces tremendous liability. That's part of the decision process and it's something that will be taken into account. The great white shark is very threatened right now due to fining. I worked on saving the great white with the Scripps Aquarium. This affects everything – from the health of our ocean to what we eat.
- *Question:* What kind of tools is being used to increase communication?
  Answer: We used YouTube to announce the candidacy victory. It was awful, but he was the first California candidate ever to announce the candidacy on YouTube. We update the following every week – Capital update video, podcasts, facebook, twitter, email, newspaper, TV news – we use all mediums to communicate out to the community.
- *Question*: Where do you stand on water conversation?
  Answer: Water has started wars and has ended wars. Pat Brown started the State Wide Water Project, which was never completed. We have a water transportation and a water storage problem.
  (1) We must restore the health of the Beta Delta.
  (2) We must address the issues with the Bay Delta.
  (3) We must increase our capacity for storage. In wet years, we must store water; we must do above-ground storage.
  (4) We must conserve water. People in the North don't want to send the water down to the South even though it can be transported in a responsible environmentally safe way.

Mitz Lee – Alliance for Quality Education

- Mitz Lee co-funded this organization to make sure kids and parents will have a voice.
- Californian for Quality Education is to bring parents across the states together to start talking about the budget crisis and how to monitor how money would be spent.
- The San Diego Superintendent is leaving.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26 —Mira Mesa Street Fair
October 2-4— Miramar Air Show
October 5 —Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
October 9—Monster Manor Begins
October 12——Columbus Day
October 31 —Halloween

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / October 5	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & **2nd Monday in September**) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / October 6	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Maintenance Assessment District** — 1st Tuesday, — Mira Mesa Senior Center— 7:00 p.m. (subject to change
1ST WEDNESDAY / October 7	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
2ND SATURDAY / October 10	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ October 11	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND MONDAY October 12	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm (6:00 pm at Library for September meeting)
2ND TUESDAY / October 13	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 am **Recreation Council (Parks)** — 2nd Tuesday —Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 7:00 p.m. **Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.&A.M** — 2nd Tuesday — Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center — 7:30 pm **Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
2ND WEDNESDAY / October 14	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m.
3RD THURSDAY/ October 15	**Community Pride** — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m. **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee** —3rd Thursday, odd months — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, — 7 p.m. **SR Center Board of Governors**— 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center **Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1)
3RD MONDAY / October 19	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / October 20	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Mira Mesa Women's Club** —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church — 7:00 p.m. **Teen Center (The Epicentre) Oversight Committee** — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time. Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce—Location Varies—6:00pm
3RD WEDNESDAY / October 21	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **Friends of the Library** —3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. **Halloween Committee** — 3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
4TH THURSDAY October 22	**Street Fair committee (senior center)-**4th. Thursday—6:30 PM **Every Thursday in September**
4TH MONDAY/ October 26	**Banned book club** —Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM.
4TH TUESDAY / October 27	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 4th Tuesday — Mira Mesa Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General)
4TH WEDNESDAY / October 28	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **Stake Holders** — 4th Wednesday, every other month —Mira Mesa Library, small conference room — 6:00 p.m. **Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm

- Fewer than 50% of 2-12 grade children are proficient in reading or math.
- Public schooling has a "No Warranty, No Refund, No return" policy.
- Parents need support. Informed and involved parents are the key.
- As a parent, work with your community and your neighborhoods.
- No text books will be purchased until 2016.
- Kids first!

Mark Benavides - Mira Mesa High School/ASB

- We want to get the students be more involved in the community. Anyone who would need students for projects should contact him at BMark321@gmail.com or call him at 858-561-1202.
- Mira Mesa has a 75 hours community service recommendation as it takes at least 25- hours to get into a UC college.
- Jennifer Kwalvik will put out all the bulletins; Mark will post the bulletins on the ASB board.
- It's a pool of 2,300 kids.

OPEN FORUM

17th Annual Band Review & Field Tournament

- They need adult volunteers
- Tournament will be 11/7/09

Community Pride (Jim Brown)

- Trash. Due to the large number of evictions and people moving out, yards are being trashed. The law states the new owners have to clean it up; if it's a bank, it won't happen. Call Environmental Services if the trash is in the street or sidewalks (not if in yards) call 858-492-5055.
- Water. When can I water my yard? Odd number houses – Sun/Tue/Thu. Even number houses – Sat/Mon/Wed before 10am and after 6pm for 10 minutes. Call 619-515-3500 to report violations.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens)

- Will have a booth at Street Fair

Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)

- Book Group will be meeting 9/28 to choose books that will be discussed.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Alex Nyugen and Courtland Young)

- Monster Manor needs volunteers
- Auditions are this Wednesday at 6PM.
- Community booths will be located outside the manor; speak to Alex or Court about it.
- Fund Raising – Court – Share the Wealth has changed slightly: to facilitate crediting, tickets will be pre-sold at a great discount to 501c(3) organizations; organizations can then resell the tickets for the full price and keep the difference.
- Question: Will the Theatre Guild be putting on a play?
  Answer: Yes. Auditions will be announced at the next meeting. The play will be at the Epicenter; it will be a children's play done by adults.

Mira Mesa Street Fair
September 26, 2009
Camino Ruiz
between
Mira Mesa Blvd and New Salem St.